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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/085,686	Applicant(s) AL-SHEIKH, ZAHER	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-4 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group V invention (Claims 5-7) filed 8/16/04 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 1-4 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.
3. Amendment to officially cancel all claims being drawn to a nonelected invention in response to this Office Action is required.
4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by DeBrouse [US Patent No. 5,920,053].

Regarding claim 5, DeBrouse teaches an improved tag [i.e., "baggage tag" shown at 80 of figure 5 and mentioned in col. 5 line 10] having a substrate imprinted with indicia and information specific to an owner of the tag [see figure 5: "passenger photo" shown at 111 and mentioned in col. 6 line 28; "passenger identification bar code" and "baggage identification bar code" shown at 122 and 112 and mentioned in col. 6 lines 10-15], wherein the tag is secured to an article of luggage or a pet [see figure 5: tag 80 is secured to "bag handle" via baggage tag 87], wherein the improvement lies in: printing a human recognizable digital image of the user on the tag [i.e., passenger photo shown at 111 of figure 5 and mentioned in col. 8 line 28].

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Regarding claim 6, DeBrouse further teaches a perforation of the tag for a strap to pass through [see figure 5: note a hole on the tag 80 is used for baggage tag 87 to pass through].

Regarding claim 7, DeBrouse further teaches an attachment means to secure the tag to an article of luggage [i.e., the "baggage tag" shown at 87 of figure 5 and mentioned in col. 6 lines 20-26 corresponds to the so called "an attachment means to secure the tag to an article of luggage"].

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duy M Dang whose telephone number is 703-305-1464. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 5:30AM to 2:00PM..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo H Boudreau can be reached on 703-305-4706. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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